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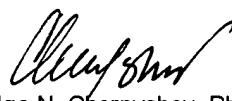
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1.  The amendment filed on 29 August 2005 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a)  entered.
- b)  entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c)  disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.  
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
- d)  disapproved. See explanation below.
- e)  entered in part. See explanation below.

The amendment to the Specification was entered in full. However, the drawings filed on August 29, 2005 are considered non-compliant for failing to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121, as amended on June 30, 2003 (see 68 Fed. Reg. 38611, Jun. 30, 2003). Specifically, the drawings are not properly identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet", "New Sheet", or "Annotated Sheet" as required by 37 CFR 1.121(d). Appropriate correction is required.



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